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In the news

It's time to clean up again

Details for the fifth annual "Philly Spring Cleanup" will be announced 1 p.m. today by city officials at McPherson Square in Kensington. Residents and organizations looking to lend some hands can register at phillyspringcleanup.com. The day of cleaning will be April 14.

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In the news

Mayor of where

Mayor Michael Nutter, who flashed his acting prowess in the blockbuster film "Law Abiding Citizen," made a brief cameo appearance Sunday in Masterman High School's performance of "Hello Dolly." Nutter, clad in a black tuxedo, recited one line in his role as Mayor of New York. The scene was posted on YouTube.

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$1 million bail for ride on airport tarmac

SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA. Bail for the man accused of driving through a security fence and onto a runway last week at Philadelphia International Airport has been set at $1 million.

Kenneth Mazik, 24, is charged with DUI, aggravated assault, simple assault, resisting arrest and several other charges. The airport had to be temporarily shut down following the March 1 incident as first reactions by authorities investigated the possibility of terrorism. Mazik's next court appearance is scheduled for March 12.

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Telling City Hall via smartphones

CITY HALL. Councilman Bobby Henon has rolled out a smartphone app that does everything from identifying "bad neighbors" to accepting residents' ideas for improving neighborhoods and comments on blight and potholes.

He unveiled last week an interactive map illustrating tax delinquent and other problem properties in his district using data from various city departments. He found direct correlations between multiple property maintenance violations, the values of properties on the surrounding block and an excess number of 911 calls, he said.

METRO/AW

Urban Outfitters' Congress letter

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. Locally-based retailer Urban Outfitters has drawn the attention of lawmakers in Washington with their latest controversial line of St. Patrick's Day shirts and hats.

U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley, D-New York, and other members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs, sent a letter to Urban CEO Richard Hayne last week urging him to stop the sale of clothing featuring negative stereotypes about the Irish day and Irish Americans.

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Philly as new athlete's mecca

- Those like former Braves ace Smoltz couldn't have been more wrong
- Psychologist says Philly has been this popular in past like early 1980s

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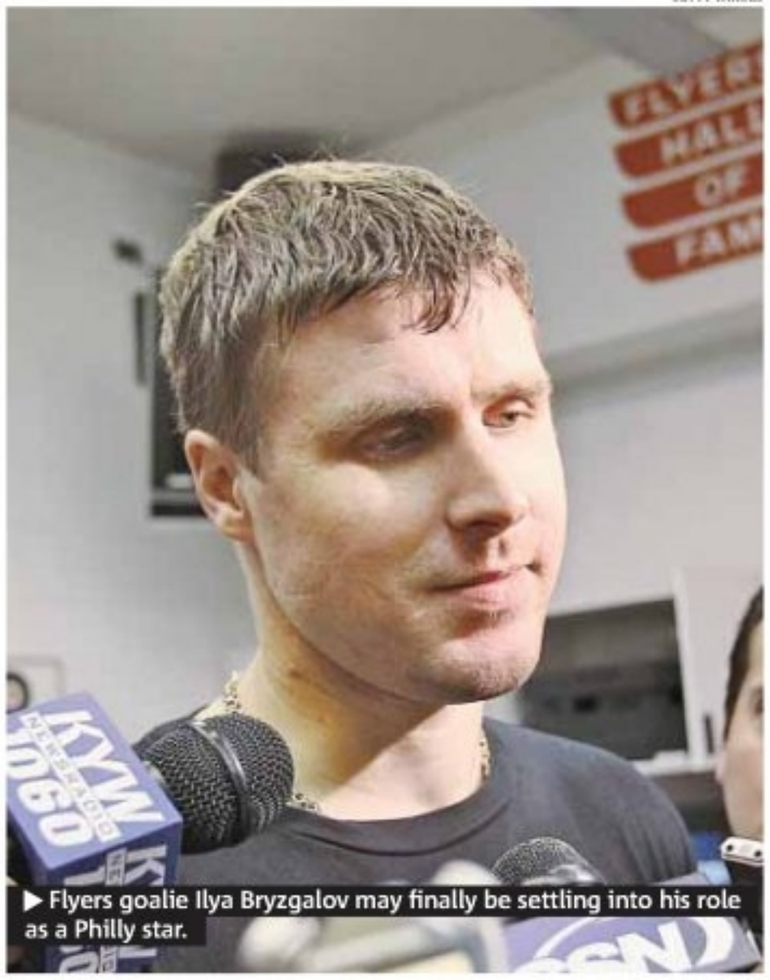

▶ Flyers goalie Ilya Bryzgalov may finally be settling into his role as a Philly star.

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▶ Phillies outfielder Hunter Pence was an immediate hit with teammates and fans when he arrived last season.

After arriving at Citizens Bank Park for the first time in 2004, Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz noted that the Phillies would never be able to sign a big time pitcher.

Well, Smoltz couldn't have been more off base. You can't get much bigger than Roy Halladay or Cliff Lee. Each Cy Young Award winner elected to pitch in Philadelphia.

"We play in a hitter's park," Lee said. "There's no doubt about that. If you worry about your numbers or want to pad your statistics, you don't come to Philadelphia, if you're a pitcher. You come to Philadelphia. If you want to win. A lot of guys in this clubhouse are here for that reason and I'm one of them. Philadelphia is the place for me."

Philadelphia has become a destination for elite professional athletes. The Phillies attracted Halladay and Lee. The Eagles lured Nnamdi Asomugha to the fold. The Flyers signed Ilya Bryzgalov (it seemed like a decent idea at the time) and the Sixers inked Elton Brand to a deal.

"I had no problem coming to Philadelphia," Brand said. "It's a great city and I knew it since I'm from the Northeast (New York). The fans are great. They're smart and they love the game."

But it's not just about life on the court for Brand.

"It goes way beyond that," Brand said. "It's great to play here, but it's a fun, vibrant city. I love the restaurants in Philadelphia. In the suburbs, I really like going to Azie (in Villanova) and I'm all about El Vez. That's a place that you got to go to. Athletes know that if you come to Philadelphia, you're going to enjoy yourself when you're not playing."

But the biggest reason Philadelphia is popular with top athletes has little to do with the clubs, bistros and bars.

It's about each local franchise doing whatever it takes to earn a championship.

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ELTON BRAND

"The commitment to winning is huge," Lee said. "You come here and you know that the team is all about winning the World Series. You know deals will be made to make the team stronger. It's not just the Phillies, the other teams in town are the same way."

The Eagles spent a fortune on their secondary and will try to do what it takes to win the franchise's first Super Bowl every year. The Sixers new ownership appears dedicated to building a championship caliber team.

Arguments can be made that the inconsistent Flyers should be sellers as the playoffs are on the horizon but Flyers CEO Ed Snider won't give up.

"It's about winning in this town," the Flyers Wayne Simmonds said. "It's a different vibe here (compared to Los Angeles, where Simmonds played with the Kings). You can see why players want to come here."

THE BIG ISSUE

WITH **ED CONDRAN**

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Commitment to winning again solidifies city's appeal

Dr. John F. Murray is not surprised that so many elite athletes want to come to Philadelphia. It makes perfect sense to the Palm Beach, Fla.-based sports psychologist.

"There are a lot of reasons Philadelphia is attractive to premiere athletes," Murray said. "First off, the teams are winning. If ownership is committed, that draws players in. You have that now. All four teams there will do whatever it takes to win."

Murray, who is the author of "Mental Performance Index: Ranking the Best Teams in Super Bowl History," also believes what's happening in Philly is cyclical.

4 Championships for Philly teams in the big four professional sports leagues between 1974 and 1983. The Flyers won titles in 1974 and 1975, the Phillies won in 1980 and the 76ers won in 1983.

"I think that good fortune is back in Philly since it was due," Murray said. "In 1980, Philly was the sports capital of the country. During the late '70s, it was a huge time for Philly sports. The teams wanted to win and you got big free agents like Pete Rose, who helped the Phillies win a World Series. I see it happening again. Other athletes watch what other athletes do and it's like a domino effect. What great athlete wouldn't want to play in Philly now?"

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▶ Studly Roy Halladay proved John Smoltz incredibly wrong.

Off the field, Philly offers plenty

Philadelphia is growing. Michael Nutter's city's population increased for the first time since the '50s, according to the census bureau last year. Philadelphia grew 0.6 percent.

Mary Genovese Colvin isn't surprised. She doesn't wonder why so many people want to live in Philadelphia, particularly Center City. The associate broker at Prudential Fox and Roach is curious why someone wouldn't want to reside in the City of Brotherly Love.

"It's a wonderful place to be," Genovese Colvin said. "You have everything you could ever want in a city. I love it here. It has great restaurants, a wonderful art scene and the best hospitals."

'Wild Thing's' take

If there was ever a player, who should have left Philadelphia, it's Mitch Williams. Here's a take from one of the city's big scapegoats and why he still loves us.

- After the former Phillies closer gave up a game-winning, series-ending home run to Toronto Blue Jays slugger Joe Carter during the 1993 World Series, Williams' South Jersey home was egged and he received a ridiculous amount of abuse.
- "I understand the fan's disappointment," Williams said. "It was lousy to lose that World Series but I moved on and eventually the fans moved on. Philadelphia is a great place."
- Yet, what does the current MLB analyst do in spite of the rough aftermath of the World Series, he's spent much of his post-baseball life locally.
- "They do the right thing and they have the resources. I enjoyed being recognized by the fans of Philadelphia. I've had a good time in Philadelphia since day one and I'm back."

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Gunmen break in as family sleeps, shoot at parents

Man is dead, wife critical Police call murderous attack 'mystery' Could be case of mistaken identity

RICARD LARMA/METRO

Family members took belongings out of the Paul home in Strawberry Mansion yesterday.

Philadelphia police are still looking for a motive in the early morning home invasion attack that left a man dead and his wife in critical condition in Strawberry Mansion.

Police said two male suspects entered a home on the 3200 block of Cecil B. Moore Avenue shortly before 4 a.m. Sherrell Paul, 39, heard the men enter and went to the top of the stairs, where she was shot eight to 10 times.

Her husband, John Paul, then responded and got into a physical confrontation with at least one of the suspects when he was shot multiple times.

Police said the suspects then fled the house and got into a black vehicle driven by a third man.

Investigators found blood outside the house and believe one of the suspects was wounded in the lower body, possibly during the struggle or as they fled.

The couple's two children, estimated to be ages 6 and 10, heard the shots and called 911, but they were unharmed, police said.

Homicide Capt. James Clark said nothing appeared to be taken from the home, and would not rule out a case of mistaken identity.

"Right now it's a mystery to us. We don't know why they were targeted, but we're hopeful to get these individuals in custody," Clark said at a press conference yesterday.

He described the victims as law-abiding citizens, both of whom worked in the health care field, though the husband had recently been laid off.

"He seemed to be a good, upstanding person, [a] nice family man," Clark said. "Their lifestyle didn't indicate that they would be victims of this type of crime."

Family members removing belongings from the house yesterday declined to comment.

One man, who would not identify himself, said "they were great people."

John Paul was pronounced dead at the scene. Sherrell Paul was listed in critical but stable condition at Temple University Hospital.

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HOMICIDE CAPT. JAMES CLARK

What cops know

- **There were no signs of forced entry,** so they believe the victims could have known their attackers.
- **Police are not aware of the couple's involvement in any illegal activity.** Neighbors have described them as good people and loving parents.
- **One of the gunmen may have shot himself during the struggle inside the bedroom.** Police don't believe the victims had a gun.

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Who is Saul Alinsky, and who cares?

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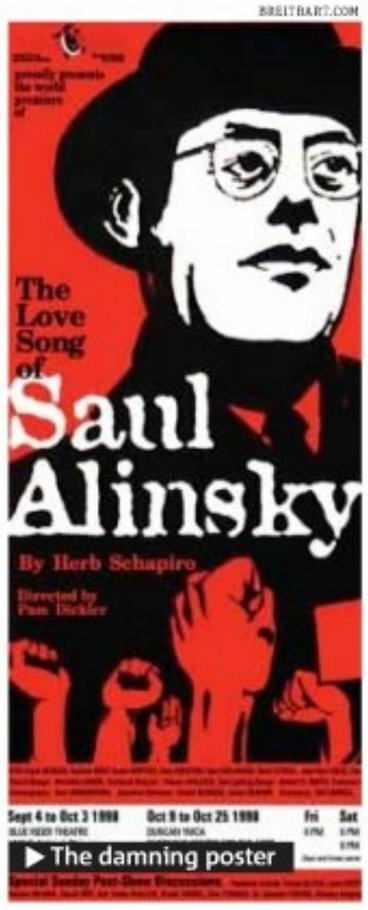
Happy Super Tuesday, commuters! While voters in 10 states participate in pushing the eventual Republican presidential candidate to increasingly disastrous rightward extremes, we're going to take this day to discuss a haunting legacy of another sort entirely.

We speak of late conservative media prankster Andrew Breitbart, who shook the political landscape with his "Big" Web exposes (bringing down, among other résumé highlights, Rep. Anthony Weiner in the infamously eponymous Twitter scandal) and then shocked the world with his sudden death last week. Breitbart had been planning more Big things before he died, and the website he founded, Breitbart.com, relaunched late Sunday with a new design, is proudly carrying his torch.

So it is that Breitbart's editors have printed his final column, "The Vetting, Part I: Barack's Love Song to Alinsky," which they describe as "a story that should swing the first hammer against the glass wall the mainstream media has built around Barack Obama." The site explains: "Andrew wanted to do what the mainstream media would not. First and foremost: Andrew pledged to vet President Barack H. Obama." Well, it's about time!



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Breitbart's swan song focuses on Obama's alleged connections with communist activists in '90s-era Chicago; specifically his association with a play, "The Love Song of Saul Alinsky," after one 1998 performance of which the then-senator participated in a panel discussion. The stated aim here is to shine some light on Obama's "true political will," which he claims "the American public remains largely ignorant of." As such, he provides a detailed — and ostensibly terrifying — list of the other speakers on the panel that night, a group of communist individuals. In this way, he hopes to tarnish the Obama legacy as one of unabashed psychotic leftism.

Were that it was! But if Obama's a communist, he must be pulling a long con. If anything, he's proven himself to be frustratingly moderate, taking for instance a very conservative path toward health care reform — righties supported similar proposals before the president embraced them as a means of reaching concensus — and angering lefties in the process. Was it all an elaborate ruse for reelection? If so, why not just enact his communist policies in term one? What long-term goal could disguising himself as a severely centrist executive possibly serve Obama's supposed Marxist overlords?

Of course there is none, and no reasonable evidence to suggest that the president is some sort of secret radical. (Again, we wish.)

Then there's this: Mitt Romney's father, a former Republican governor, apparently liked Alinsky enough to work with him politically. How long until Breitbart's media empire tackles the secret motivations of Big Romney?

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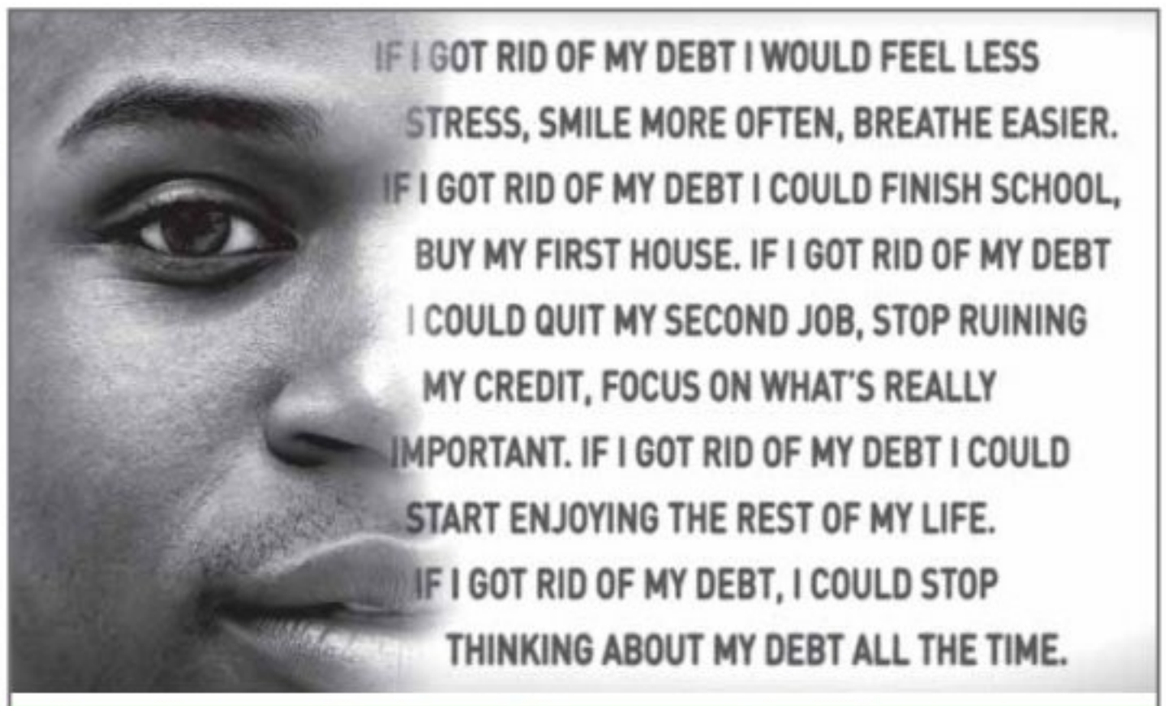
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Obama and Israel far apart on timing of action over Iran

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▶ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are deeply at odds regarding how fast the clock is ticking toward possible military action against Iran's nuclear program, and their talks yesterday are unlikely to change that.

Even though Obama has offered assurances of stiffened U.S. resolve against Iran before the White House meeting, the two allies are still far apart on explicit nuclear "red lines" that Tehran must not be allowed to cross, and they have yet to agree on a time frame for when military action may be necessary.

Obama wants Israel to hold off attacking Iran's nuclear sites, insisting there is still time for sanctions and diplomacy to work. But he also vowed he would be ready to act militarily to prevent the Islamic republic from building an atomic bomb. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Baby dies after Kentucky tornado

LOUISVILLE. A toddler who was found alive in a field in tornado-ravaged southeastern Indiana after her parents and two siblings were killed when a twister struck their mobile home died on Sunday of her injuries, her family said.

Angel Babcock had been in critical condition in a Kentucky hospital since Friday. **REUTERS**

SF Bay shaken by 4.0 earthquake

OAKLAND. A magnitude 4.0 earthquake shook the San Francisco Bay area yesterday, the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

The quake, which was initially reported at a 4.3 magnitude, was centered about 15 miles northeast of San Francisco, and was at a depth of 5.5 miles, the USGS said.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. **REUTERS**

McCain: Bomb Syria

The United States should lead an international effort to protect key population centers in Syria through air strikes on President Bashar al-Assad's forces, U.S. Sen. John McCain said yesterday.

"The ultimate goal of air strikes should be to establish and defend safe havens in Syria, especially in the north, in which opposition forces can organize and plan their political and military activities against Assad," McCain, an influential Republican, said in remarks on the Senate floor.

McCain has previously called for efforts to arm the Syrian opposition. But he said yesterday the help Syrian rebels needed most urgently was "relief from Assad's tank and artillery sieges in the many cities that are still contested" in Syria. **REUTERS**

Obama picks GOP Super Tuesday to defend record

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▶ Obama

President Barack Obama will hold a news conference this afternoon, the White House said yesterday.

The event, giving Democrat Obama a chance to defend his agenda and push back against critics, will grab media attention as his Republican rivals compete in "Super Tuesday," the biggest day yet in the race for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, when 10 states vote.

Obama has been staging appearances that coincide with important events in the Republican primary election calendar.

Last week, he addressed members of the United Auto Workers in Washington as Mitt Romney, front-runner to win the right to face him in the Nov. 6 election, campaigned in Michigan in a primary in which he beat rival Rick Santorum. **REUTERS**

Behind the degree: Master of Science in Leadership

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▶ The less-traditional MSL is gaining popularity stateside.

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"In an MSL program, you'll find school administrators, teachers, university leaders [and] nonprofit leaders. It's a more diverse group."
DR. WILLIAM SCHULZ

When Melanie Eberhardt graduated from Pennsylvania's Geneva College, she considered pursuing an MBA. But few programs focused on her specific interests: human resources and business ethics. So she opted for the Master of Science in Leadership program at Duquesne University.

"Initially I thought the MBA was the way to go, because it sells itself," says Eberhardt. "But so many people have MBAs now, so I don't think it stands out as much anymore. If you're not focused primarily on business or accounting, an MBA may not be the best fit."

In past decades, the Master of Science in Leadership was offered, almost exclusively, in Europe. But during the last five years, the number of MSL programs in the U.S. has grown significantly as more professionals seek alternatives to the traditional route. Typically, MSL programs provide a focus on psychology — and even anthropology — to prepare students for effective leadership. They're less devoted to marketing, finance and accounting. "It's an interdisciplinary degree. The focus is leadership, not necessarily business leadership," says Dr. William Schulz, associate dean of Walden University School of Management. "In an MSL program, you'll find school administrators, teachers, university leaders [and] nonprofit leaders. It's a more diverse group."

MSL vs. MBA

An MBA speaks for itself, but that doesn't mean it's the best choice for everyone. "The MSL is still somewhat new in the United States, so it doesn't have the brand value of an MBA," says Schulz. "But if a student really wants the MSL curriculum, then they shouldn't have trouble describing the benefit of that program to an employer."

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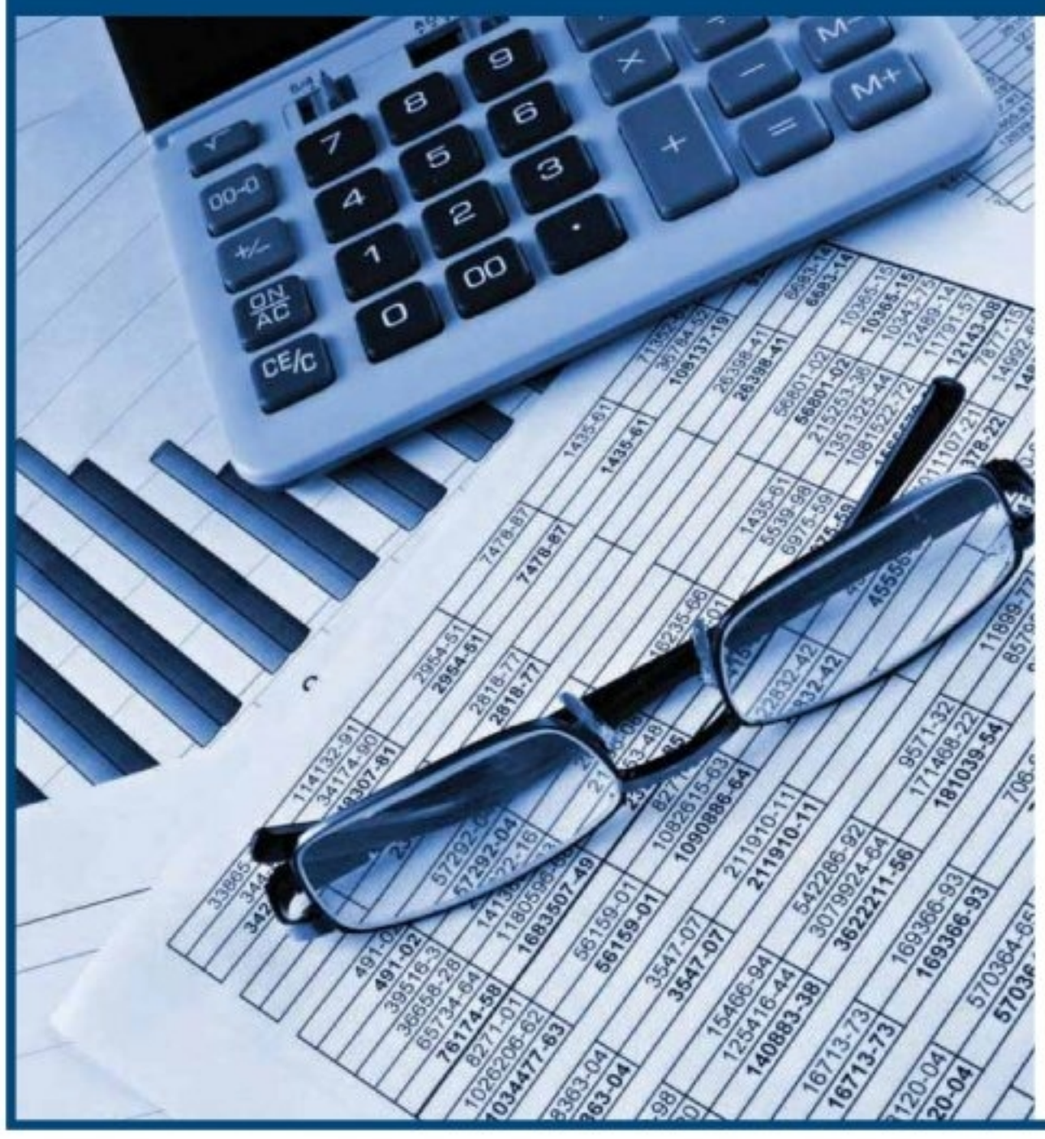

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30%
The percentage of U.S. adults with bachelor's degrees

Of the adults who have graduated from college, 30 million were men and 31 million were women.

Adults with a bachelor's degree are less likely to be unemployed than those with less education, according to the data.

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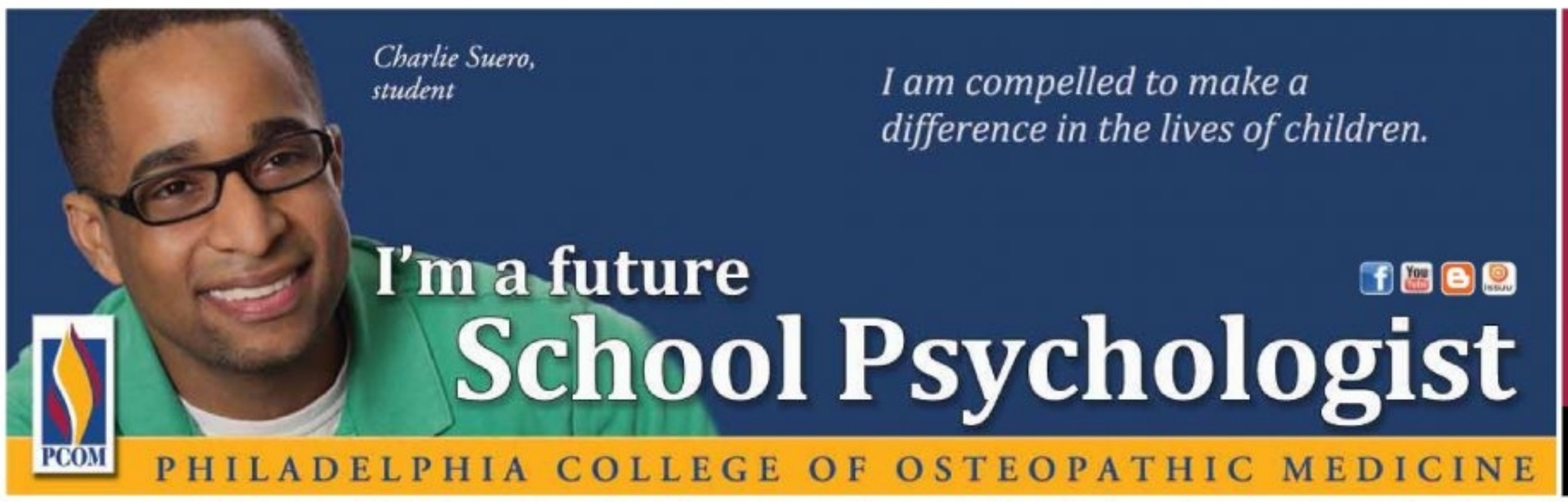
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Adding social justice to the syllabus

Professor Kristi Holsinger's new book introduces activism to traditional criminal justice courses

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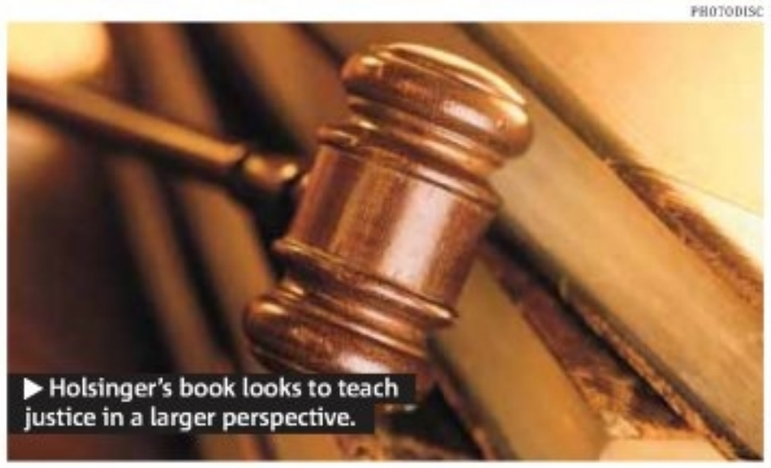

▶ Holsinger's book looks to teach justice in a larger perspective.

For University of Missouri-Kansas City professor Kristi Holsinger, every criminal justice course requires a foundational understanding of restorative justice principles. Criminal justice, in her eyes, is a form of activism: a means of addressing social inequality and injustice.

Her courses at UMKC challenge students to confront these issues face to face, literally: One brings prisoners to campus and includes them in classroom activities.

This month, Ashgate Publishing will release her first book, "Teaching Justice: Solving Social Justice Problems Through University Education," which re-envisions criminal justice classrooms as a place where the most vexing issues in the United States can be explored and addressed in an inquisitive, compassionate, nonpartisan environment.

"When I developed [courses] at UMKC, I discovered that the students had traditional criminal justice concepts down, but they hadn't done a lot of work putting criminal justice practices in a larger justice perspective," says Holsinger. "The class became about defining justice in a larger way. It became about community activism."

Intended for criminal justice teachers, "Teaching Justice" is packed full of ideas for bringing activism to the classroom and elucidating social justice concerns amongst students.

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"A lot of the ideas in this book challenge the status quo. In that way, it could be negatively categorized as ideological," says Holsinger. "But I don't think it's good to model apathy or pretend that we don't have a viewpoint. Also, in my class, I don't dictate how students define justice or what they determine to be a social problem."

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Miami students rally for valedictorian facing deportation

More than 2,000 Miami students walked out of class and took to the streets last week in a show of solidarity with a high school valedictorian ordered to leave the United States by an immigration judge.

A judge on Monday denied a green card request by Daniela Pelaez, an 18-year-old who was born in Colombia and brought by her parents to the United States when she was 4. Her lawyer is appealing the decision.

Pelaez grew up in the Miami area after she and her family overstayed their tourist visas. A high school senior, Pelaez said she has applied to several Ivy League universities. "I can't believe this is happening," Pelaez told Miami's WSVN Channel 7 TV station. When she heard the judge's decision, she said, "I thought, what am I going to do in Colombia?"

Students and teachers chanting "Let her stay!" protested outside North Miami High School on Friday. Miami-Dade County Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho walked out of the school holding Pelaez's hand after the protest. "Over my dead body will this child be deported," Carvalho said.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said in a statement it would not take any action against Pelaez while she pursues her legal options. **REUTERS**

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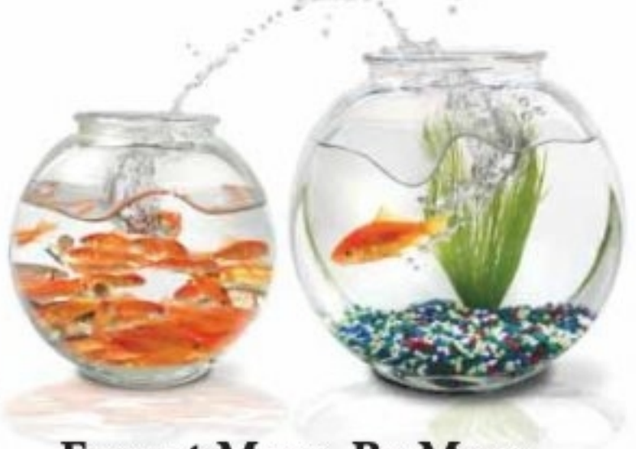

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From library to learning environment

Villanova University had today's students in mind when remodeling the Falvey Memorial Library

In the 21st century, with people doing research online and reading books and magazines on tablets and smartphones, what is the role of the college library?

"Libraries today are very different entities than just, for lack of a better term, warehouses for books," says Joe Lucia, university librarian and director of Falvey Memorial Library at Villanova University. "We like to call them learning environments. Now we're trying to create an enhanced and richer learning environment."

To do that, Villanova gutted the second floor of the library last August to build a new learning commons, which was officially dedicated on Feb. 17. Designed by BLT architects of Philadelphia, the commons features study and meeting spaces as well as offices. Clear interior walls allow views of the outdoors, even from the middle of the building.

A central lounge area has multipurpose rooms arranged around it. "These can be used for presentations and meetings, |as well as| for group and private study," Lucia explains. "They're equipped with state-of-the-art display technology for streaming videos; people can hook up their laptops for presentations. The configurable furniture can be rearranged for different types of activities."

In addition to study areas, the commons will be home to the library's research librarians, plus the university's Learning Support Services office, writing lab and math lab. "We're offering both services and facilities there," Lucia explains, "all in the ways that contemporary students require."

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New tradition

Villanova's learning commons is very modern — but also traditional in some ways.

"Libraries have never just been about the stuff on the shelves," Lucia says. "They're social and public places where people interact, sites for the discovery of knowledge. This has been so since the library in Alexandria," in ancient Egypt, the first known library.

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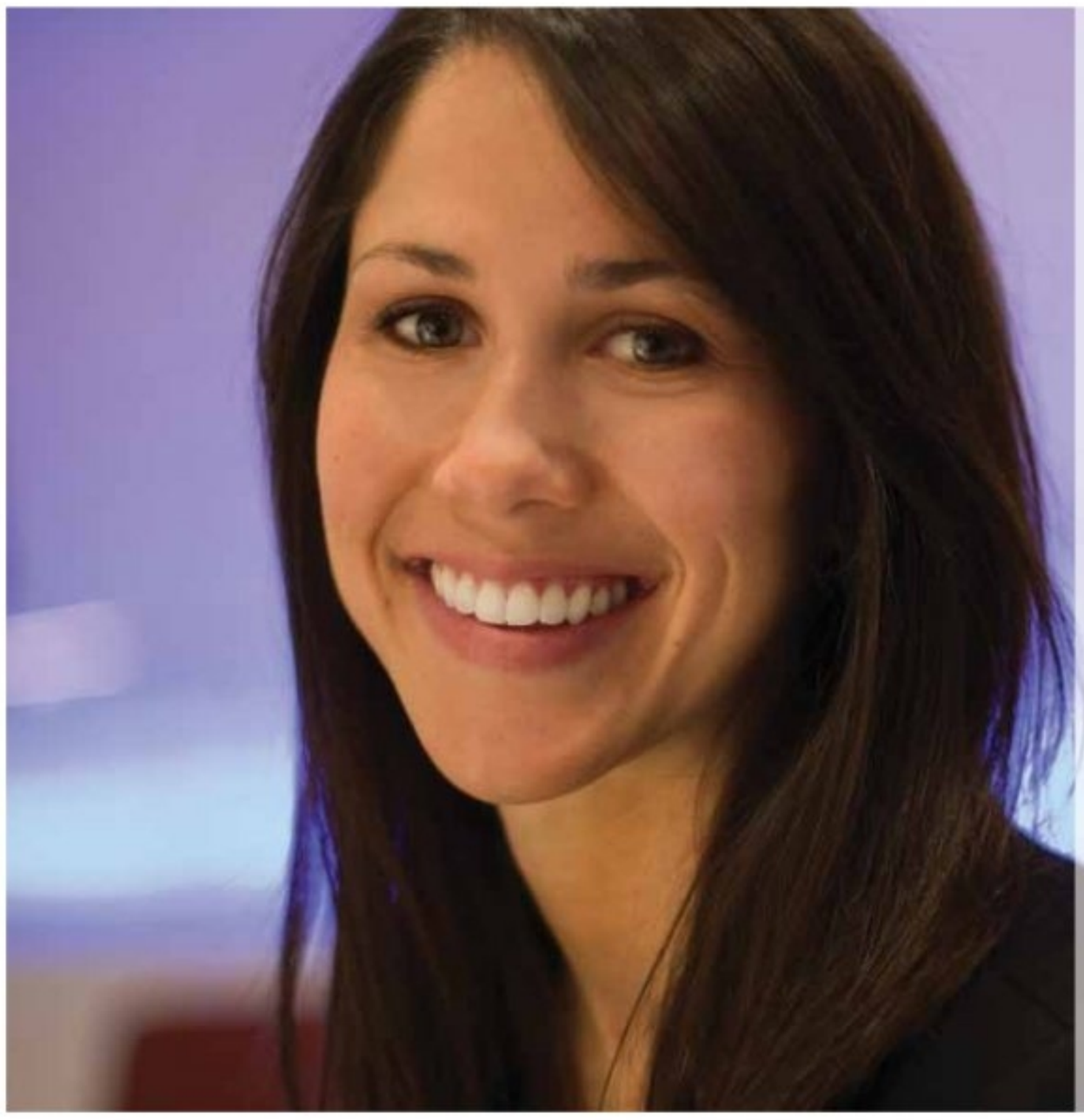
▶ The new learning commons debuted in February.



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Examining images, ideals at La Salle

As part of a program on eating disorder awareness, the university encouraged students to be critical towards the images we're immersed in 'Whatever we watch unconsciously affects our worldview,' says professor

The Barbie complex

One source of distorted body images appears in girls' lives very early — the Barbie doll. To show how unnatural Barbie's proportions are, a life-size outline of her figure was displayed in La Salle's dining hall. To counteract that message, students wrote messages with positive body messages on lilac butterflies and hung them around the cut-out.

About 10 million women and 1 million men in this country are struggling with eating disorders, according to the National Eating Disorders Association. Since many of them are teens and young adults, this is an especially important topic on college campuses. La Salle University held a number of activities last week during National Eating Disorders Week.

One of these events was a viewing of "Killing Us Softly 4," a film that challenges the viewer to "think critically about popular culture and its relationships to sexism, eating disorders and gender violence." The film was followed by a panel discussion about the issues. Elaine Zelley, an associate professor of communication at La Salle, was a member of that panel.

"The average person is exposed to over 3,000 ads a day — that's a lot of images," says Zelley. Many ads show young, attractive and very thin people, regardless of what is being sold.

"Whatever we watch unconsciously affects our worldview," Zelley says. "People who watch a lot of medical dramas, statistically, have different views of doctors. Watching soap operas affects someone's romantic expectations."

Since these images are so inescapable, it's important to maintain a critical attitude toward them. "Media literacy is crucial," Zelley says. "People need to be aware of how manipulated some of these images are. Even supermodels don't look like supermodels."

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▶ La Salle students Marisol Custodio, Haley Alexander and Kelly DiFabio participated in National Eating Disorders Week.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Elijah Wood is in the mood for Girl Scout cookies, Kristin Chenoweth is getting better all the time, John Lithgow overdid it at the movies, and Joan Rivers wasn't impressed with Lindsay Lohan's performance.

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Samoas! those are my jam

@KChenoweth
I'm in bed resting. Healing. And watching Tom Cruise in The Last Samarai. For fifth time.

@John_Lithgow
Did a 3D double feature, HUGO and PINA. My head's spinning.

@Joan_Rivers
Lindsay Lohan was so bad on SNL that the judge is sending her back to rehab, but for acting lessons.

Wood

▶ This is one phone hacking scandal Rupert Murdoch isn't behind (we think).

ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

See Christina Hendricks' Joan Holloways

Another day, another phone hacking scandal involving half-dressed celebrities.

This time, **Christina Hendricks** and **Olivia Munn** are victims after an anonymous user on Motherless.com asked the site's forum readers which celebrity they would like to see naked. When they answered Munn and Hendricks, the user apparently, through hacking magic, got onto Munn's and Hendricks' phones, grabbed some scandalous photos, and posted them. And now they are all over the Internet.

Munn's leaked pictures have extremely dirty writing superimposed over hard-core photos of the actress. Hendricks' pics are mostly of the "Mad Men" star in half-dress, while one is a full-on shot of her world-famous golden globes.

A rep for Hendricks confirms the theft, telling Gossip Cop, "Christina's phone was in fact hacked and photos were stolen," noting, "The proper authorities have been contacted in hopes of rectifying this situation. The topless image is fake and not an image of Christina."

Munn is denying everything — she tweeted that the photos aren't hers. (As she should; if real, her pictures are some Hustler-level stuff.)

I know. Your first thought is: Why would celebrities take naked photos of themselves when they know they are most likely to be hacked and put up on the Internet? (See: **Miley Cyrus**, **Vanessa Hudgens**, **Blake Lively**, and **Scarlett Johansson**.) But, honestly, if you were that hot with enough of an ego to be an actor, you'd probably take naked photos of yourself, too. Just maybe delete them after you're done doing whatever it is you do with them?

Talking points

Bieber's birthday details

Justin Bieber celebrated his 18th birthday with a star-studded surprise bash thrown by his manager and his mom at the Beverly Wilshire hotel in L.A., according to Us Weekly. "Everyone danced all night," a source says of the soiree. Despite notable guests like **Mike Tyson** and **Kim Kardashian**, the birthday boy only had eyes for girlfriend **Selena Gomez**, who flew in from Florida, where she's filming a movie. "He was all over Selena the whole time, walking her around by the hand," a source says. "He kept kissing her." As for presents, his manager, Scooter Braun, bought Bieber a $102,000 one-of-a-kind Fisker Karma hybrid sports car.

Kutcher knows where Moore is hiding

There's at least one person who knows the location of **Demi Moore**'s secret post-rehab vacation: her estranged husband, **Ashton Kutcher**. The "Two and a Half Men" star paid a visit to the recovering actress recently, according to People magazine — not that he was exactly enthused about it. "They are not getting back together. He knew it was important to her daughters," a source says of the visit. As for where it took place, sources tell E! News that they spotted Moore on a private beach near Parrot Cay in Turks and Caicos, at an ultra-exclusive resort only accessible by boat.

Blanchett

Blanchett: No plastic surgery

Cate Blanchett is no fan of plastic surgery, so don't expect her to go under the knife anytime soon. "I'm not sitting on a soapbox telling women what they should and shouldn't do," she tells Fashion ETC. "I just know what works for me. I'd be too frightened about what it means long-term. Looking at women in their 20s doing this stuff, in the end all you see is the work. It doesn't fill me with admiration; it fills me with pity."

▶ It's confirmed: The Lacheys are expecting.

Oh, baby!

Big news on the baby front yesterday: While co-hosting "Live! With Kelly" **Nick Lachey** announced that his wife, **Vanessa Lachey**, is expecting their first baby in late summer or early fall. Meanwhile, **Snooki** is still pregnant — and apparently engaged. The "Jersey Shore" star has yet to confirm either report, but insiders tell both E! News and People magazine that her boyfriend, **Jionni LaValle**, popped the question. And there you have it: Snooki is finally being made an honest woman. Let's see how long that lasts, shall we?

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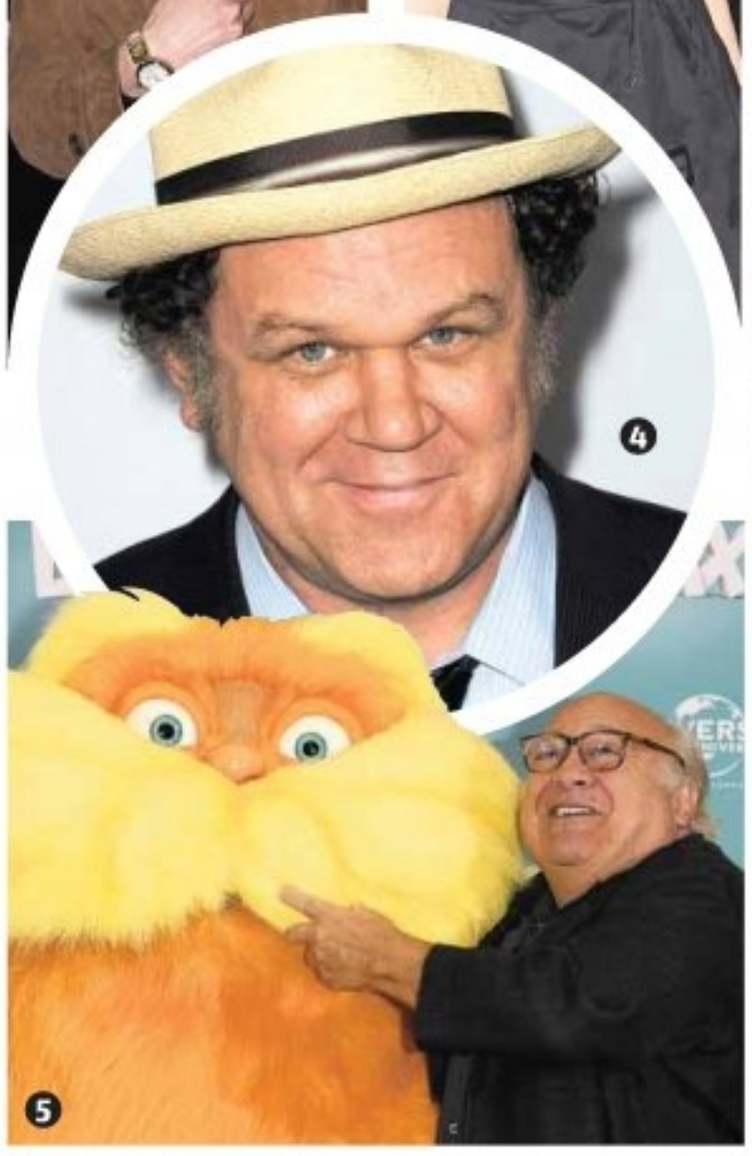
'The Hunger Games' kicks off, stars in airports and more

1. Liam Hemsworth, Jennifer Lawrence and **Josh Hutcherson** attended "The Hunger Games" U.S. Mall Tour Kick-Off at Westfield Century City in Los Angeles on Saturday.

2. Nicole Kidman was spotted at Aeroport Roissy — Charles de Gaulle in Paris yesterday.

3. Dita Von Teese arrived at Melbourne Airport in Australia on Saturday.



4. John C. Reilly arrived at the premiere of "8" presented by The American Foundation For Equal Rights & Broadway Impact at The Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles on Saturday.

5. Danny DeVito attended the "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" Germany photocall at Ritz Carlton in Berlin yesterday.

6. A skinny **Katy Perry** was seen leaving the "Jean-Paul Goude exhibition" at the "Musee des Arts Decoratifs" in Paris on Sunday.

7. Fashion designer **Diane von Furstenberg** and actress **Molly Sims** attended the world premiere of the GapKids + DVF Collection at Gap In Los Angeles The Grove in Los Angeles on Saturday.

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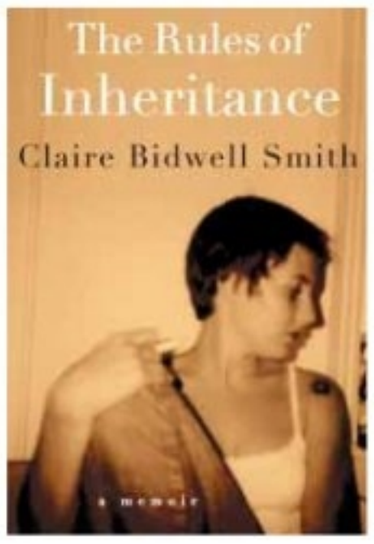

The beauty of saying goodbye

Claire Bidwell Smith chronicles her youth in the realm of her parents' death in a searing new memoir A unique take on dealing with grief

Claire Bidwell Smith is more than the author behind the incredible new memoir, "The Rules of Inheritance," which chronicles a youth spent coping with the loss of both of her parents to cancer by the time she was 25. She is also a therapist specializing in grief in Los Angeles. She talked to Metro about how one profession informed the other.

Do you find that writing helps with the grief process?

I think writing is an incredibly useful tool for moving through grief. It's something I always encourage the people I counsel to do, whether it's in the form of writing remembrances of a loved one or writing actual letters to the person they've lost. The act of writing is like opening a door in your head to all the things that you can sometimes be afraid to say or think. But the thing about grief is that it just doesn't go away until you really sit with it, until you really let yourself experience it. Therefore, taking time to write about all the things you might be hesitant to let yourself feel is a great way to move through the emotions.

Why did you pick the title "The Rules of Inheritance"?

RON PURDY

▶ You can learn more about Bidwell Smith, her writing and her work as a grief counselor at www.clairebidwellsmith.com.

"The Rules of Inheritance" refers to a few things. The rules part refers to the five stages of grief I reference in the book, and to the way that no matter what, there are certain motions a person has to go through in order to move through grief. As for inheritance, I felt that I inherited so much from my parents. In some ways I simply inherited a lot of grief and sadness over their loss, but in other ways I inherited this wonderful legacy of the kind of people they were.

Did your training as a grief therapist help or hinder your creative process?

I think my training as a therapist absolutely helped with this book. It helped me to understand myself and the process of grief on a much deeper level, one that really enabled me to write this book. I think that therapy and writing have a bit in common. As a therapist, I work to help people to understand the narrative of their lives, and often I help them to reshape it. In that regard, being a therapist was a really unique way to better understand all the ways that we tell our stories.

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TV watch list

'Raising Hope'

COMEDY. Sabrina (Shannon Woodward) is sent to the slammer after participating in an Occupy Natesville rally. Luckily for Woodward, the actress' real-life pal, Katy Perry, guest stars as a prison attendant. Unluckily for Sabrina, Perry's character makes her stay hell. **8 p.m., Fox**

'Cougar Town'

COMEDY. Star/executive producer Courteney Cox goes behind the camera to direct this episode, which finds the cul-de-sac forming a "Braveheart"-esque uprising against a gang of bike-riding teens. **8:30 p.m., ABC**

'Breaking In'

COMEDY. Salvaged from the cancellation heap, this workplace comedy hires a new boss — the always-funny Megan Mullally — to whip the Contra Security crew (and the sitcom itself) into shape. **Season premiere, 9:30 p.m., Fox** AMBER RAY

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Paris Fashion Week reviews

Sonia Rykiel

1 The house of Rykiel has gone through a lot of change lately. It has a relatively new creative director, April Crichton; new owners (Hong-Kong based Fung Brands purchased an 80 percent stake in the company last week); and a new look. The only problem is that the clothes were missing all the color, humor and Parisian, girly fun we love the brand for. Instead, the collection featured pared-down sportswear staples including skirt and trouser suits in a neutral color palette — not a single bright-colored, striped sweater in sight. Sonia sat front row, as always — her hair adding a much-needed shock of red to the setting. But her spunk was sadly missing on the runway. Let's just hope that the new regime doesn't lose the DNA of the brand she built.

KENYA HUNT

Haider Ackermann

2 Haider Ackermann has been on an unstoppable creative streak that heightens with each collection. His Saturday morning show took place against a backdrop of rumors that he would be getting the creative director job at Christian Dior. And based on the clothes he showed, which were an incredible thesis on the art of jaw-dropping garment construction, he could handle the role of couturier with no problem. He showed complex outerwear with curved, sinewy lines that demanded to be studied at every angle. Some came with elaborately gathered peplums, others with beautifully draped backs. These were clothes to be collected as contemporary art —but also to be worn. And that's ultimately what makes jaded editors give him a standing ovation as they did on Saturday. Haider's work is artful, complicated and high-brow, without over-intellectualizing things. The clothes ultimately do what most women want clothes to do: make them feel long, lean and beautiful. That's the kind of skill that can only be developed with time.

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Givenchy

3 Givenchy is always one of the most anticipated shows of Paris. Riccardo Tisci didn't disappoint with a collection inspired by the equestrian world and the work of photographer Guy Bourdin. Forget the sexless, tweedy hunting set — Tisci's horsey theme was racy with an S&M sensibility. There were riding jackets cinched tight; riding boots, jodhpur pants and furs (from a successful hunt, maybe?) teamed with leather gloves running high beyond the elbow and hinting toward a different kind of horseplay. What followed were pleated skirts, camisoles and cocktail dresses with lace in striking colors such as blood red and sage green.

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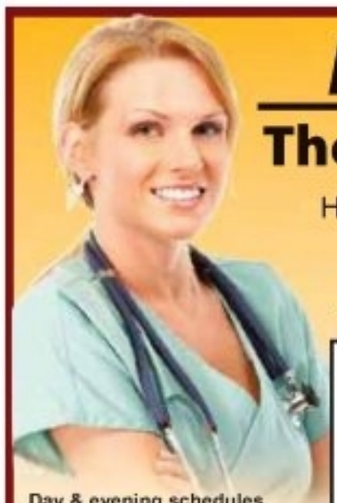

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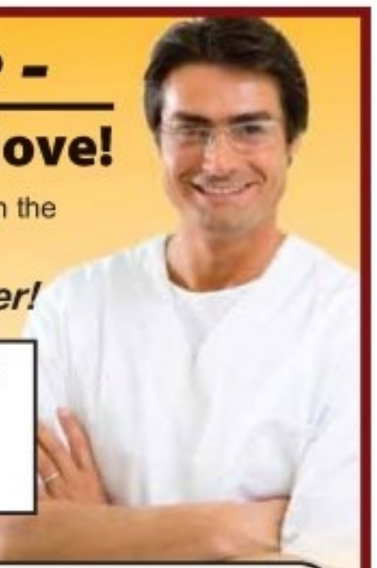

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Dos and don'ts for treating your child's fever

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▶ If your child has a fever and is less than 2 months old, head to the hospital.

According to Charles I. Shubin, M.D., we have a condition in the U.S. that he calls a "fever phobia." "We are scared of fevers," says the Medical Director of Children's Health Center, Mercy Family Care (a subsidiary of Family Health Centers of Baltimore). "We're worried that if we don't treat a child's fever, something bad will happen." But as Dr. Shubin carefully points out, treating a fever doesn't mean dosing a child with medicine. The best approach is to figure out what is going on with the child in the first place. From there, most of the time, it's best to just let it run its course. Here's how:

▶ **Understand what a fever is.** "A fever not a disease; it's your body's best mechanism to respond and defend itself to infection," says Dr. Shubin. "You can't 'cure' a fever, but you can try to cure what is happening to them."

▶ **Look at the child.** "We had three kids in the office today with fevers who were running around like nothing was wrong," recounts Dr. Shubin. "So why would we interfere with the body's natural response system?" Dr. Shubin says that the underlying principle for most doctors it to treat the child. If the child is miserable, treat him with an over-the-counter fever reducer. "Just know that if you do, it might make the child sick for longer."

▶ **Keep your child hydrated.** "Although most fevers are harmless, your child can become dehydrated. Keeping them hydrated will make them feel better."

▶ **If your child is less than 2 months of age, take him or her to a hospital.** A fever in a child this age is very concerning. "These children need to be seen right away as they might not be old enough to fight off infection," he says. Another concern that warrants a trip to the hospital is if the child is becoming unresponsive.

▶ **Still worried?** Call your pediatrician. "Doctors and their staffs have protocols to dispense advice over the phone. We can usually tell what is going on for peace of mind."

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Who's dividing America, again?

RE: "THREE WAYS OBAMA IS DIVIDING AMERICA": It's a pity that improving education didn't make the top five in Mr. Bovinski's list of three things he would do as president. **MARIA ELENA MCWILLIAMS, VIA E-MAIL**

The title of your letter is as ill-conceived as the points it contains. Let me explain why. 1: All elected officials can always listen more and dictate less, so you might as well say "be nicer" or "agree with me more frequently." 2: Secure borders are a pipe dream. Just the Mexican and Canadian borders are nearly 10,000 miles of territory and there are tens of thousands of miles of ocean where no wall would help. 3: The president doesn't cut spending, Congress does. Nor does the president print money. It's complicated; ask an adult. 4: Congress's job, again. 5: Congress. Again. Everyone is entitled to an opinion, but you might consider a refresher on high school social studies before you get on your high horse. **JEREMY CONRAD, VIA E-MAIL**

John Bovinski says this administration is dividing America. Really? I didn't know President Obama was restricting women's rights and attacking the middle class while endorsing continued tax cuts for the top 1 percent. Ending the war in Iraq and bringing our troops home? Quite divisive. Promoting renewable energy sources instead of being slaves to countries of the Middle East? How un-American. **ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL**

Israel asks much, takes even more

RE: "ISRAEL SO SMALL, ITS ENEMIES SO LARGE": Actually, Israel asks the U.S. for much more than verbal support. The U.S. gives Israel over $3 billion in aid per year and what do we get in return? American support of Israel has resulted in hatred toward the U.S. throughout the Middle East and made our citizens less safe. **CARL HANSON, VIA E-MAIL**

Thanks, Joan Bachman, for articulating your support for Israel, home to fewer than 6 million Jews (familiar number?), a tiny strip of land neighbored by mortal enemy states exceeding it 100-fold in combined size and population. Not a single other country's staggering human rights violation record has ever been singled out so blatantly as Israel's. **GAROLD MINKIN, VIA E-MAIL**

Let's also not forget that Iran, because it signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, is allowed to refine uranium for energy. Israel has never signed the NPT, and instead of participating in a global discussion about disarmament assassinates scientists instead. And now they're talking about war. If Israel wants to "sit back and protect itself," they can stop the murder. Israel isn't the only country with the right to protect itself. **RYAN ROCHE, VIA E-MAIL**

Please be careful to avoid sexist diction

RE: "LIMBAUGH SORRY FOR CALLING GIRL A SLUT": Your Rush Limbaugh headline was misworded. The "girl" you referred to is Sandra Fluke, who is actually a 30-year-old law student. She is not a "girl." Please try harder to avoid this demeaning and sexist usage in the future. **MARK JASON DOMINUS, VIA E-MAIL**

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♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you find yourself contending with more opposition from others than usual, it's time to examine your recent behavior. Correct any defects that you find, and things will straighten out.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Take on a bad attitude and you'll make your duties and assignments more complex and burdensome than they really are. Try to see your work as something fun and challenging.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Unless you avoid groups or cliques that have persons whom you truly dislike among their ranks, you can look for it to be another problematical day.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Hold your tongue so that you don't accidentally say anything abrasive about someone who is extremely important to your plans. She or he will hear about it and won't be likely to laugh it off.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Even when talking to someone for whom you have little respect, keep an open mind about matters that concern you. You could learn something quite valuable.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Being jealous or envious of others is always a self-defeating attitude. If you let it get the best of you, you could say something that you might deeply regret.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** In order to have your way, you must first allow others to have theirs. If you fail to let them express themselves, they will block your means to do so.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't be surprised if, when trying to pawn your duties onto others, you are met with tremendous rejection, especially if you haven't helped others when they needed it in the past.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Regardless of how good you think your ideas are, if they differ either vastly or even just a little from those of your friends, it's best to let the majority rule. Sometimes a group-made decision can be the best one.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If your hull isn't as strong as you think it is, don't rock the boat. It might prove to very easy to alienate many of those whose support you need.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It could be another wasted day if you don't chart your course beforehand. There's a likelihood that you'll find yourself running around in circles due to poor or totally absent planning.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Be wary of your analysis of matters relating to money or material assets. If your judgment is impaired because of a lack of knowledge, you're likely to make more than a few gaffes. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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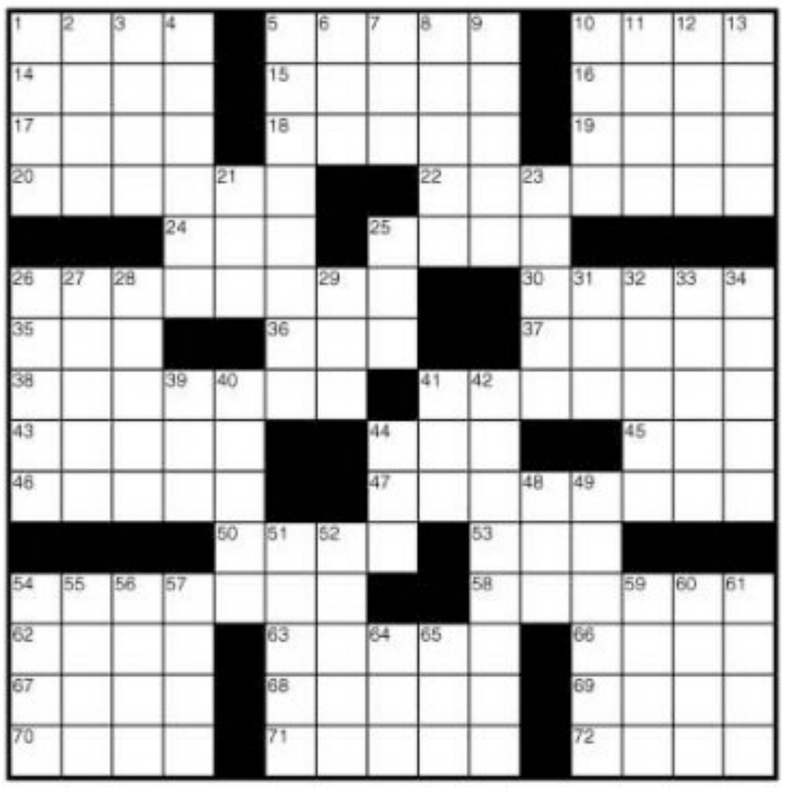

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Following the powder

It's been a lackluster ski season on the East Coast But there's still one place to head to hit the slopes How some of the best snow of the year fell in the deserts of Santa Fe

After a lackluster winter, Northeast skiers and snowboarders may not be surprised to hear that some of the best snow of the season fell in the deserts of New Mexico. "This year we've been particularly blessed," says Kevin St. John, a private instructor who has been skiing in New Mexico for over 40 years. "We've gotten these wonderful little storms, one after another."

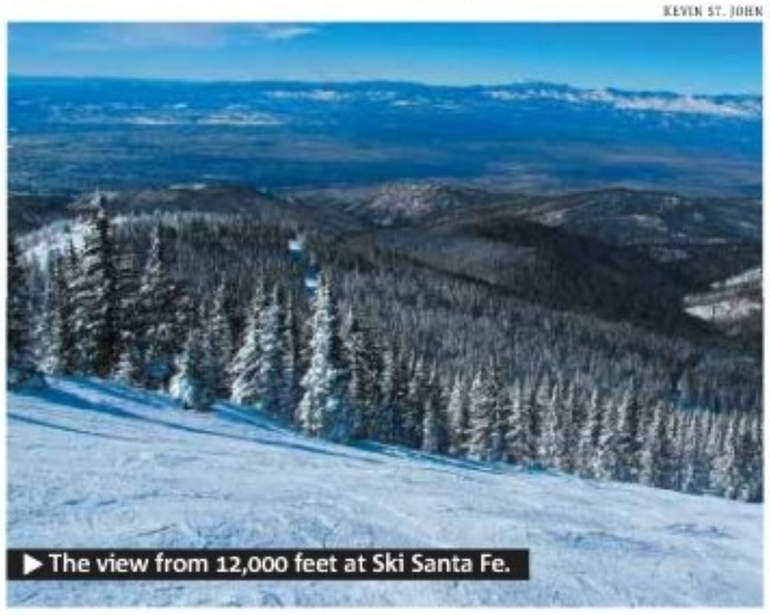
Ski Santa Fe, a ski area 16 miles northeast of the city, has received more than 132 inches of snow this winter. Angel Fire Resort reported 126 inches, and the season isn't even over yet. "We'll be skiing through the first week of April," says St. John.

Northern New Mexico's excellent ski conditions may be an unintentionally well-kept secret. Even though the state is home to the venerable Taos Ski Valley, a recent focus group held by the state tourism department revealed that many Americans were unaware that it even snowed in New Mexico. And it's not just any snow: The combination of high altitude and dry, desert air creates ideal conditions for the fluffy, eminently ski-able snow known as "champagne powder."

St. John describes New Mexico's snow as "user-friendly." The snow back east, he says, is wetter, more dense and turns into ice very quickly. "Western snow is dryer and lighter, and so much easier to ski."

New Mexico's snowstorms don't linger. After depositing fresh snow on the trails, the clouds clear quickly, giving way to the warm sun that the state is known for. "There's lots of sunshine to ski in, along with the powder," says St. John. "That combination is just extraordinary."

KEVIN ST. JOHN



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Waiting game

Drexel falls in tourney final

The winning streak is over. Now, Drexel might have to sweat out Selection Sunday.

The Dragons (27-6) fell to VCU last night 59-56 — the team's first loss in 20 games — in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament final.

Drexel overcame a 16-point deficit and had a chance to tie it in the closing seconds, but Frantz Massenat's 3-point attempt fell short. Damion Lee paced the Dragons with a game-high 20 points.

Prior to the game, Joe Lunardi had Drexel in the NCAA tournament, but VCU's win — the Rams had been one of Lunardi's "last four out" will steal a spot away from someone. Drexel hasn't qualified for the Big Dance since 1996.

Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI

THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

BIRDS GET IT WRONG ONE MORE TIME

The Eagles made a big mistake, a $9.4-million blunder that will have major implications on next season and beyond. They declared DeSean Jackson one of the best receivers in the NFL, an honor he has earned neither on the field, nor off it.

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An immature, timid malcontent, Jackson was ranked 32nd in catches by wide receivers last season, and 49th the year before. Despite his game-breaking speed, 12 wideouts made as many or more plays of 40-plus yards than he did in 2011. He caught only six of 19 passes in the red zone. For all of this, he is guaranteed the average salary of the top five wide receivers.

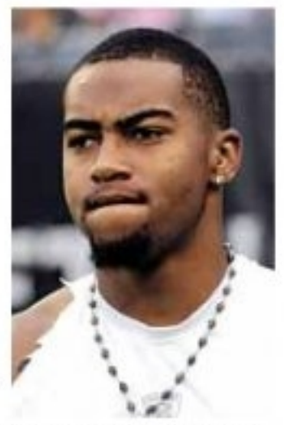
If you're looking for one moment that best sums up 2011, look no further than Jackson pouting on the sideline late in the Seattle game. Of course, Eagles coach Andy Reid covered for Jackson, claiming the blank stare and deep sulk were all a big misunderstanding created by those shoot-from-the-hip broadcasters at the NFL Network. Please. We have eyes.

Quoted

No other team is dumb enough to pay Jackson what the Eagles just committed.

Here's the plain and painful truth about DeSean Jackson: He has not been the same player since he absorbed a stunning blow by Dunta Robinson of Atlanta early in the 2010 season. Since that concussion, Jackson has avoided the middle of the field, restricting his effectiveness to the sidelines and the farthest reaches of the defense. If you've been watching the games, you already know this.

So why did the normally frugal Eagles splurge on a player who is worth nothing close to what he will receive in 2012? As usual, the Birds simply don't want to admit a mistake. They exploited Jackson in his first contract, and then refused to rectify the problem after he saved the season with a punt return against the Giants in 2010.



Yes, Jackson had reason to pout last year. Yes, he deserved better than he got from the Eagles' front office. But those are not good excuses for acting unprofessionally. They are not good reasons for a huge salary increase, either.

The conventional wisdom is the Eagles will trade Jackson. Don't believe it. No other team is dumb enough to pay him what the Eagles just committed themselves to, and none will be offering him a big new contract as part of a trade. He isn't worth it. The numbers don't lie. He may still be an extraordinary talent, but his production is no better than ordinary.

So far, the best argument for franchising Jackson has been that the Eagles couldn't afford to get nothing in return for such an exciting player. OK, fine. Let's see how smart that thinking is next season, when the guy shying away from a big catch down the middle — and then pouting on the sideline — collects $9.4 million for his cowardly and childish behavior.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

Phillies speaking in riddles

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▶ Howard

If you listen closely, you can hear the sounds of spring drifting up the coast all the way from Clearwater. The knock of bat against ball, the rhythmic beat of a game of catch and the steady stream of misinformation rolling out of the Phillies' trainer's room … all signs of another baseball season approaching.

Mike Schmidt once said only in Philadelphia can you experience the thrill of victory and the agony of reading about it the next day. Well, let me update that famous comment. Only in Philadelphia can you experience the thrill of another baseball season and the agony of never knowing the truth about the health of your favorite players.

Ryan Howard's ruptured Achilles tendon is the source of the deception. All we know for sure is that Howard had a surgical procedure to clean out an infection. At the moment, he is wearing a boot to immobilize the foot, and he will not resume rehab for at least another week.

Trainer Scott Sheridan keeps saying this isn't a setback. GM Ruben Amaro Jr. agrees with that. Howard is overweight, he cannot work out, the movement in his left leg is severely restricted, and this is no setback. Yeah, right. And Chase Utley missed 59 games with "general soreness."

The Phillies have come so far in their relationship with the fans since the paranoid days of Ed Wade and Terry Francona, but there is one last hurdle to clear. They need to be honest with their fans about injuries.

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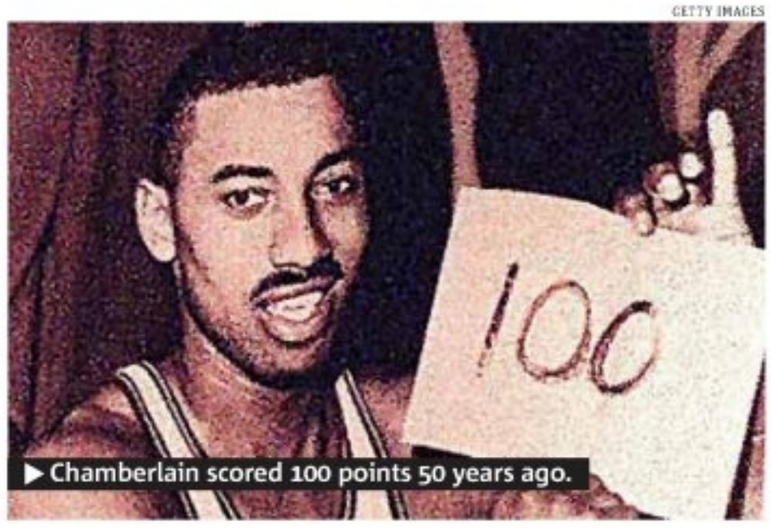

▶ Chamberlain scored 100 points 50 years ago.

Respect the Stilt

Last Friday was a special day, the 50th anniversary of the greatest single-game accomplishment in sports: Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point performance. I hope the many fans who refuse to recognize Chamberlain as the best ever were paying close attention to the tributes.

Once again, the new ownership of the Sixers did justice to its own history with creative film packages, promotional giveaways and court ceremonies recognizing that amazing night. How amazing, you ask? Well, not only has the 100-point milestone never been challenged in the past half-century, but no two NBA players have ever combined for 100 points in a single game.

My happiest sports memories as a child were watching Chamberlain. He made me a Philadelphia sports fan long before I moved here from Providence, R.I. He was my favorite player then, and he remains so today.

Chamberlain wasn't only better than Michael Jordan or Kobe Bryant, or the current flavor of the month, he was far, far better.

If you get a moment while the memory of Wilt's 100-point masterpiece is still fresh, take a look in the NBA record books. Isn't it time in Philadelphia — his birthplace — that we ended this ridiculous debate?

Idle thoughts from Cataldi …

1 **Work in progress.** The Sixers are 2-11 in games decided by seven points or less. I offer this statistic just in case plans are continuing to anoint Doug Collins the NBA Coach of the Year. Close losses and the regression of guards Evan Turner and Jrue Holiday are soiling an otherwise impressive job by Collins.

2 **Strictly Bryz-ness.** In case you haven't noticed, Ilya Bryzgalov is no longer the biggest problem on the Flyers. In fact, after his brilliant shutout Sunday night, he is becoming their biggest asset. It looks as if the Russian goalie has finally found the peace in his soul to play in this city.

3 **Deal with it.** Why is everyone acting surprised that defensive coordinator Gregg Williams placed a bounty on opponents in New Orleans and Washington? Buddy Ryan did it 25 years ago with the Eagles. I had no problem with it then. I have no problem with it now. Football is violent. Deal with it.

Nailed: Jail for Dykstra

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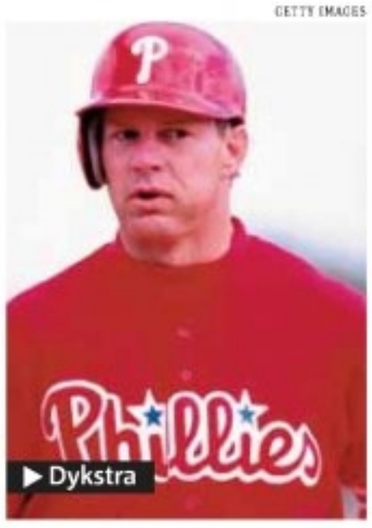

Lenny Dykstra had a last-ditch effort to change his no contest plea denied and the former Phillies great was sentenced yesterday to three years in a California state prison.

The 49-year-old was charged with grand theft auto and filing false financial statements in a scheme involving luxury automobiles.

"Mr. Dykstra might not believe he is a criminal, but his actions have been criminal," Judge Cynthia Ulfig said, via the L.A. Times.

Dykstra addressed the court in what was called a "rambling and repetitive" speech. He apologized to his family and maintained that he wasn't a criminal.

This was just the latest in a rash of run-ins with the law for Dykstra. Last year, he was charged with indecent exposure while seeking housekeepers. Dykstra had also been arrested on drug and bankruptcy charges.

Phillies fans will best remember Dykstra as the key cog on that lovable 1993 World Series team. He finished second to Barry Bonds in MVP voting that season. METRO

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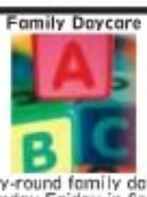

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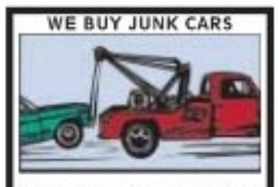

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